

North Carolina State Medical Society

Physician Questionnaire Response

on

University Trained Physician's Assistants

as of September 11, 1970

3825 Questionnaires mailed (all members of the NCSMS)

25 Returned (deceased, moved - no forwarding address)

1895 Returned (49.9% - 19 days after mailing)

Tabulation: (Last 161 responses not tabulated due to late arrival)

<u>Specialty</u>	<u>Responses</u>	<u>Employ within 2 years</u>	<u>Employ 2 to 4 years</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Per cent</u>
Family Practice	452	117	88	205	45
General Internists	218	44	53	97	43
Neurology	12	4	4	8	67
Allergy	9	1	2	3	33
Industrial Medicine	11	4	3	7	64
Cardiology	8	2	1	3	38
Dermatology	29	2	9	11	40
General Surgery	251	47	40	97	37
Neurosurgery	9	1	3	4	44
Urology	39	7	13	20	51
Thoracic Surgery	4	2	1	3	75
Plastic Surgery	5	1	1	2	40
Ophthalmology	56	11	14	25	45
Otolaryngology	39	5	7	12	30
Orthopedics	44	13	11	24	54

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Obstetrics/Gynecology	174	39	39	78	45
Pediatrics	126	31	34	65	52
Pathology	32	8	3	11	34
Radiology	67	9	14	23	34
Anesthesiology	14	0	3	3	21
Public Health	43	10	7	17	40
Psychiatry	85	20	7	27	32
Unspecified	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	1734	378	360	738	43

Data Summary

Family Practice	432	117	88	205	45
Medicine and specialties	287	57	72	129	45
Surgery and specialties	447	87	100	187	42
Obstetrics/Gynecology	174	39	39	78	45
Pediatrics	126	31	34	65	52
Others	268	52	39	91	32

Adverse Responses

Would lower quality of care or be unacceptable to patients	9
Nurses can fill role and should not train others	29
Need more physicians rather than physician's assistants	13
Would not consider on basis of legality and professional liability	8
Miscellaneous objections	8
Would need more information to make any decision	<u>18</u>
Total	81 (5%)